

School Psychologist

School Psychologists provide psychological services and consultation to students, parents, and educators. They help children and youth succeed academically, socially, and emotionally. They collaborate with educators, parents, and other professionals to create safe, healthy, and supportive learning environments for all students that strengthen connections between home and school.

Legislation

Statute: NH RSA 186
Administrative Rules: Chapter Ed 507.08

Regulatory Agency

Bureau of Credentialing
Division of Program Support
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Certification Requirements

- Meet educational requirements of:
 - 1. Completion of a State Board of Education approved Doctoral program in school psychology; or
 - 2. Meet both of the following qualifications:
 - a. Completion of at least 60 semester hours of graduate study with an earned Master's degree including coursework in the following areas: human growth and development; learning theory; theories of personality; abnormal psychology; statistics and research methods; purposes and organization of public schools; teaching strategies and programs for exceptional children; individual intellectual assessment; individual personality assessment; educational evaluation techniques; and counseling/ psychotherapeutic techniques, including group therapy; and
 - b. Experience of a one-year supervised internship in a general school setting and one year of experience in the role of an associate school psychologist in a general school setting; or a two-year supervised experience as an associate school psychologist (or equivalent title)

Examination

Initial certification requires passing the PRAXIS I pre-professional skills test (PPST) and PRAXIS II, if applicable. The State Board has approved a composite score option for PRAXIS I. Candidates must have an overall score of 518 or higher and a minimum passing score of 172 for Reading; 170 for Writing; and 170 for Mathematics. PRAXIS I and PRAXIS II exemptions are allowed for educators with either a Master's degree or higher, or who have seven or more years of educational experience under a credential issued by another state.

Continuing Education

Staff development activities totaling 75 clock hours (or alternative to clock hours) in the school district and/or school administrative unit staff development plan during the three-year certification period

Fees

Three-year certificate \$130.00
Three-year renewal \$130.00
Competency review and three-year certificate, Alternative 3. . . . \$300.00
Late filing fee \$50.00
Exam fees are set by the exam administrator, Educational Testing Service (ETS)

Reciprocity

Permitted with over 41 states according to the provisions of the Interstate Contract

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Residence or Citizenship

New Hampshire residency is not required
US citizenship is not required

Active Licenses

Not provided

O*Net Code

19-3031.01 School Psychologists

Related Training

School Psychology; Clinical Child Psychology

Additional Information Sources

ETS-The Praxis Series

PO Box 6051
Princeton, NJ 08541-6051
phone 1-800-772-9476
web <www.ets.org/praxis/nh/requirements>

National Association of School Psychologists

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